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I am the owner of Two Men and a Truck, a moving company that employs more than twenty people in the Portland area. The EPA's decontamination plan for Portland Harbor seems like it was designed with no concern for the business community. Because this plan fails to take into account the proven effects of natural restoration, it entails a much higher level of dredging than is necessary. It looks like it will cost more than one billion dollars, which will be funded by higher taxation. We pay so much in taxes as it is, and we are already facing another increase. In the end, these costs have to be passed onto the consumer. I would much rather see the EPA be more efficient with the resources it already has rather than asking for more from us.

It would be great if these billion dollars could be spent opening up the Port of Portland and getting some of these trucks off the road instead. Traffic is a huge issue here. If I owned a business on the riverfront, I wouldn't enjoy having loud, heavy machinery outside my building twenty-four hours a day, and I'm sure it will affect business for the worse. This dredging project could be going on for decades, which is overboard and unnecessary. Businesses that had nothing to do with contaminating the river in the first place should not have to pay such a steep price. The EPA should consider an alternate plan, based on advice from people and businesses in Portland.

Sincerely,

Shane Jette
Owner